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OSD FOR ISA/NESA AND ISA/DSAA

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MASS IR US
SUBJ: LONG RANGE IRANIAN ARMS PROCUREMENT/CO-
PRODUCTION PLAN

REF: A) SECDEF 7895 (DTG 252053Z NOV 77)
B) TEHRAN 10524 (DTG 291245Z NOV 77)

1. SCOPE PAPER ON SUBJECT IN FORM SEPARATE TABULAR
LISTS FOR IIAF, IIGF AND IIN HAS BEEN DEVELOPED BY
MISSION AND GOI AS DIRECTED REFTEL A. THESE MAJOR
WEAPONS SYSTEM LISTS HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE SHAH
AND THE AMBASSADOR. LISTS ARE COVERED BY LETTER FROM
GENERAL TOUFANIAN TO THE AMBASSADOR. ADDITIONALLY,
GOI HAS PROVIDED A SHORT PAPER SETTING FORTH
JUSTIFICATION FOR THE TYPE AND NUMBER OF EQUIPMENT
ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE ACQUIRED. ILLUSTRATIVE GANT
CHARTS COVERING SUCH ITEMS HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED
BY THE MAAG. FINALLY, GOI HAS PROVIDED US WITH
LIST OF MUNITIONS AND EQUIPMENT ASSOCIATED WITH THE
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MAJOR WEAPONS SYSTEMS THAT IT WOULD INTEND TO
ACQUIRE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MAJOR SYSTEMS.
SINCE THE LIST PROVIDES MORE COMPLETE PICTURE
OF GOI AIMS (EVEN THOUGH NOT SPECIFICALLY
REQUESTED BY REFTEL A) IT IS INCLUDED AS AN
ANNEX TO THE OTHER MATERIALS.

2. THESE MATERIALS WILL BE CARRIED TO WASHINGTON BY COL. LIOTTA OF ARMISH. LIOTTA WILL ARRIVE ON BRANIFF FLIGHT 101 ON DECEMBER 13. LIOTTA WILL DELIVER A SET OF MATERIALS TO OASD/ISA/NESA AT 0800 HOURS DECEMBER 14, HE WILL DELIVER ANOTHER SET TO NEA/IRN LATER THAT MORNING.

3. AS STATED IN TOUFANIAN'S LETTER TO AMBASSADOR, THE SHAH BELIEVES PACKAGE IS CONSISTENT WITH DISCUSSIONS ABOUT SUBJECT DURING HIS RECENT STATE VISIT. AS UNDERSTOOD HERE THOSE DISCUSSIONS RESULTED IN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND THE SHAH TO TAKE A LONGER RANGE APPROACH TO GOI ARMS ACQUISITIONS, BUT DID NOT PRECISELY TIE DOWN TIMING FOR EACH REQUEST. GOI HAS TOLD US, THEREFORE, THAT IT WISHES TO HAVE MAJOR WEAPONS SYSTEM LISTS REVIEWED FIRST AS A MATTER OF PRINCIPLE, WITH TIMING OF EACH OF THE PROGRAMS TO BE DETERMINED AT A LATER DATE BEARING IN MIND RELEVANT FACTORS SUCH AS ABSORPTIVE CAPABILITY PRODUCTION LINES, LONG LEAD TIME ITEMS, RELEASABILITY AND POLITICAL FACTORS. THUS, GANT CHARTS ARE INCLUDED FOR PURPOSES OF ILLUSTRATION ONLY, AND SHOULD NOT BE VIEWED AS PRECISE ANSWERS TO TIMING QUESTION.

4. TABULAR LISTING OF IIAF WEAPON SYSTEM REQUESTS:
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A. IIAF PRIOR REQUESTS:

SYSTEM	NO.	STATUS
RF-4E	1	LOA REQUESTED
F-16	140	LOA REQUESTED
F-4G#	SQDN	LOA REQUESTED
AMST##	100	FIRM PLANNING ACTION

WILD WEASEL WEAPON SYSTEM TO INCLUDE ALL ARMAMENT.
GOI HAS INFORMED US THAT IT INTENDS TO HAVE 31 F-4GS IN THE SQDN.
IF AMST IS NOT AVAILABLE, 150 C-130 WOULD BE PURCHASED IN LIEU OF AMST.

B. IIAF ADDITIONAL REQUESTS:

SYSTEM	NO.
RF-4E	10
F-14	70

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KC-707 12
KC-747 3
P-3C### 7
C-130## 150
LONG RANGE SURVEILLANCE
AND ASSOCIATED COMMUNICATIONS 10-14 RADARS
GOI INTENTION IS ALSO TO UPGRADE THE SIX P-3F NOW IN
ITS INVENTORY TO P-3C.

5. TABULAR LISTING OF IIGF, WEAPON SYSTEM REQUESTS:

A. IIGF PRIOR REQUESTS:

SYSTEM	NO.	STATUS
M109 155MM SP HOWITZER	58	LOA REQUESTED
M110A2 203MM SP HOWITZER	81	LOA REQUESTED
HELICOPTER COPRODUCTION#	50	214-A DIRECT
	350	214-ST CONTRACT
M197 20MM GUN	6	LOA REQUESTED

#COPRODUCTION OF 400 214A HAS BEEN APPROVED.
RECONFIGURATION OF 350 TO 214ST MUST BE APPROVED BY
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B. IIGF ADDITIONAL REQUESTS:

SYSTEM	NO.
M109 155MM SP HOWITZER	365

M110A2 203MM SP HOWITZER 77
M110 203 MM SP HOWITZER 32
M107 175MMSSP HOWITZER 35
DRAGON CO-PRODUCTION
M548 CARGO CARRIER 100

6. TABULAR LISTING OF IIN WEAPON SYSTEM REQUESTS:

IIN PRIOR REQUEST:

SYSTEM	NO.	STATUS
RH-53D	6	VERBAL REQUEST

THERE ARE NO IIN ADDITIONAL REQUESTS.

7. THERE ARE SOME MAJOR WEAPONS SYSTEMS FOR WHICH
GOI HAS MADE PRIOR FORMAL REQUESTS OF USG (FOR EXAMPLE,
FFG-7 CLASS SHIPS) THAT ARE NOT INCLUDED IN LISTS IN
PARAS 4, 5 AND 6 ABOVE. TOUFANIAN'S LETTER TO
AMBASSADOR, HOWEVER, MAKES CLEAR THAT AFTER GOI
ANALYSIS OF RELEVANT FACTORS SHAH'S DECISIONS COVERING
TOTAL IRANIAN LONG RANGE ACQUISITION AIMS ARE AS
CONTAINED HERE. COMMENT: CONSIDERING AMOUNT OF
TOING AND FROING HERE OVER PAST WEEK OR SO TO GET TO
THIS POINT WE DARE NOT PREDICT IMMUTABILITY FOR THE
PRODUCT, HOWEVER, AIM OF EXERCISE WAS CLEAR TO
IRANIANS, AND THEY TELL US THIS IS IT. END COMMENT.
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